139—A CHIMAYO WEAVER AT HIS LOOM

It is estimated by historians that during 1692—following the rebellion of 1680—coming with the De Vargas expedition of re-conquest, were a group of Mexicans from Chimayo, Mexico. They settled a village naming it Chimayo and builded a Sanctuario. They brought their art of weaving and individual designs with them, and after more than 200 years, tho their Spanish descendants have removed to Santa Fe and other towns, they follow both design and method of weaving their hand-made woolen blankets with scrupulous accuracy, so that today they are made into many useful and ornamental articles, ladies' coats, purses, throws, etc., being among them.

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